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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

May 19, 2009

In the early morning hours of November 24, 2007 a wildland fire was ignited as a result of an illegal bonfire set by unauthorized visitors in the portion of Malibu Creek State Park that is directly above the Corral Canyon community. This horrific wildland fire threatened more than 2,000 homes and destroyed or damaged 98 dwellings and 45 outbuildings in this unincorporated neighborhood.

Corral Canyon is most vulnerable to this kind of a fast-moving fire during certain high-risk weather conditions that include heavy winds and low humidity. The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Weather Warnings when this combination of risk factors reaches their most critical level. In order to protect public safety, the Los Angeles County Fire Chief has specifically recommended that the County prohibit all non-emergency traffic and on-street parking in most areas north of the residential portion of Corral Canyon whenever the National Weather Service determines that Red Flag weather conditions exist for the Santa Monica Mountains.

The County must implement this prudent recommendation without delay in order to help prevent another devastating human-caused fire from starting just north of the Corral Canyon residential community during the most dangerous fire conditions. To that end, the Department of Public Works and the Acting County Counsel have prepared the

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attached resolution in order to institute these fire-safety regulations.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors find that the establishment of these regulations, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by this Board; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution, which shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and instruct the Director of Public Works to post all necessary signs to enforce these restrictions within 48 hours of the Board of Supervisors' approval of this motion.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROHIBITING PARKING OF VEHICLES AND MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC
ON RED FLAG DAYS
AT CERTAIN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS ON CORRAL CANYON ROAD**

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service, in cooperation with State and Federal fire management agencies, is responsible for issuing Red Flag warnings when the conditions are met to indicate there is very high potential for a fast-moving brush fire; and

WHEREAS, a fast-moving brush fire poses very serious health and safety risks to residents of Los Angeles County, as well as creating millions of dollars of damage to improved private properties in the fire's path; and

WHEREAS, restricting the on-street parking along and public access to Corral Canyon Road when the National Weather Service has determined that Red Flag weather conditions exist for the Santa Monica Mountains would minimize the potential for a human-caused brush fire outbreak in the Upper Corral Canyon/Malibu Bowl Area; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22651 (n) and Section 15.64.510 of the County Code provide that on-street parking restrictions can be enforced through the imposition of a tow-away penalty; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2008, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted a regulation restricting vehicle parking between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on both sides of Corral Canyon Road, between Mile Marker 1.37 and the northerly terminus of Corral Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, Section 942.5 of the California Streets and Highways Code and Sections 21101 (c) and (e) of the California Vehicle Code empower the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to restrict the use of a County highway; and

WHEREAS, restricting the use of Corral Canyon Road north of Mile Marker 0.73 when the National Weather Service has determined that Red Flag weather conditions exist for the Santa Monica Mountains is necessary for the protection of the public, and the restriction is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who may use that portion of the street during the temporary restriction; and

WHEREAS, Corral Canyon Road north of Mile Marker 0.73 serves publicly-owned open space land and no other private property interests; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that vehicles are prohibited from parking on both sides of Corral Canyon Road between Mile Marker 1.37 and the northerly terminus of Corral Canyon Road during such times that the National Weather Service has determined that Red Flag weather conditions exist for the Santa Monica Mountains, and the penalty for such violation shall be tow-away as set forth in Section 15.64.510 of the County Code and other applicable sections of the County Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the movement of traffic is prohibited from proceeding northbound on Corral Canyon Road beyond Mile Marker 0.73 during such times that the National Weather Service has determined that Red Flag weather conditions exist for the Santa Monica Mountains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing movement prohibition of this resolution shall not apply to the following vehicles:

1. An authorized emergency vehicle including, but not limited to, any firefighter of any public agency; any peace officer; and any emergency medical technician or paramedic whether employed by a public agency or not.
2. A vehicle operated by the County of Los Angeles for the maintenance of the highway and appurtenances.
3. A vehicle operated by a publicly or privately owned public utility.
4. A tow truck.
5. Any vehicle operated by (a) the State of California, (b) the California National Guard or the State Militia, (c) any member of the Legislature or staffs thereof, (d) any member of the Bureau of State Audits, (e) the Secretary for Resources or any employee thereof, (f) any member of the California Coastal Commission or staff thereof, and (g) any member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy appointed pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33200 or 33213.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works is instructed to post and maintain adequate signage along Corral Canyon Road in order to reasonably apprise the motoring public as to the nature and extent of the parking restriction and movement prohibition and the exceptions thereto.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 19th day of May, 2009,
by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.



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